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CHBR hosts disaster relief training

By Tony Martin
Associate Editor

After Central Hills Retreat (CHBR) near West was struck head-on by a massive tornado on January 1, observers could have been forgiven for thinking a Herculean effort over many years would be necessary to repair and rebuild the devastated Mississippi Baptist encampment.

That turned out not to be the case. Not only will Central Hills soon be ready to reopen, it will be offering its traditional full complement of ministries during the summer camping season.

"You wouldn't believe the number of people who have asked us from day one, 'Are y'all going to have camp this summer?'" said CHBR Manager Jim Ray, addressing members of the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force meeting at Central Hills on March 25-26 for their annual training weekend—the first gathering at the facility since the tornado.

"For the hundredth, millionth, time—Yes! People just like you have prayed us up," Ray said.

Ray asserted that Central Hills is in good shape, just a few weeks before the camping schedule kicks in.

"After the tornado hit, we had no lodges to stay in except Curtis, and it had leaks," he said. "Curtis and Carey Lodges are ready for business now."

"The gym is about 70% complete. The Chapel looked awful, but now it looks great. The (rebuilt) infirmary and snack shop is about 80% (completed). Both the chapel and the infirmary are going to look better than they did before."

Barri (Shirley, associate executive director for business services at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board) and I talked from the first day about the potential that lay before us. We've done a lot of dirt work. We still have an amphitheater to finish."

On the weekend of the Disaster Relief Task Force training, reconstruction activity was ongoing. "In order for us to have camp, we have to have three things," said Ray. "We have to have a place to sleep campers. We have to have a place to feed them. We have to have a place for a campfire. Everything else we can take care of. We have a place to sleep them and feed them, and we'll be working on the spot for the campfire."

"We still have some work to do on the rifle range. It's almost complete."

The ropes course received a lot of damage, Ray said. "This is a big deal for our kids. Most of this will be salvageable. What we have now looks good. Cole's Creek Lodge is about 90% done. We've planted some more trees, and the front of the gym will look better than it's ever looked once all the grass fills in. The ball field has never looked as green and pretty."

"It's interesting—God has taken something we thought was chaotic and a tragedy and shambles, and it's really not at all."



HANDS-ON TRAINING—Mike Thorn (left) instructs Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force members in the latest cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques using dummies during the Task Force's annual training weekend March 25-26 at Central Hills Retreat near West. CPR training, along with training in areas such as chainsaws, childcare, chaplaincy, ham radio operation, shower/blue tarp/mud out, medical, and food preparation, were also offered at the first event to be held at Central Hills since a tornado ripped through the Mississippi Baptist campground on January 1. (Photo by Tony Martin)

"The lake is in great shape, although if you're walking through the woods and find a canoe, just let me know where it is. There are three still missing," he noted wryly. "The horse barn took a real hit. There was one horse up there when the tornado hit, and it was three weeks before I could catch him."

Ray said he was especially thankful for his own home, the camp manager's residence at the front of the campground. The house sustained only minor roof and chimney damage.

"When the tornado hit, 23 other folks and myself were in Carey Lodge, and we got in the bathrooms and showers to protect ourselves. My one prayer was, 'Lord, keep us safe.' He did, and God took care of our house. Trees on the right and left were flattened, but our house was spared. God was just really, really good."

The miniature golf course, a favorite of campers, sustained damage but is useable. The bathhouses have been repaired.

"What is really good is that camp registration is looking strong," Ray said. "We're going to be in the business of doing what we do best and that is to reach kids for Christ, so word needs to go out to the children's directors and youth directors that we'll still do our boys' camps, we'll still do our coed camps, and we're still doing our special needs camp."

"Nothing has changed as far as programming goes. It might just be a little bit better."

Don Gann is a consultant in the Men's Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, which administers Central Hills Retreat and also serves as the base for the Disaster Relief Task Force.

"The first official event is Lad-Crusader Day on the first weekend in May," Gann said. "Activities will be at the Campers on Mission Building. Even though the gym will probably be ready, we intentionally made the move to the other facility."

"We'll have a lot of fun activities, such as a fishing tournament with cane poles and such. We'll have a good time—camp crafts, the car races, and so forth."

Gann commended the Mississippi Baptist volunteers who turned a project of several years into a project of several months. "We'll continue with cleanup and some beautification work. One thing that has happened is that the damage from the tornado has really opened things up. People will be able to see just how pretty things are."

Central Hills Retreat was opened in 1979, after Hurricane Camille wiped out Camp Kittiwake on the coast a decade earlier and created a need for more camping space. More than 5,500 first-time professions of faith have been recorded there.

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A worldwide scam on the World Wide Web

Beloved in Christ, Calvary Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I have been briefed to contact you because of passion for humanity and sympathy for people with just causes. I am a new Christian convert, suffering from long time cancer.

From all indications my condition is really deteriorating and it is quite obvious that I won't live more than six months. It has defiled all forms of medical treatment, and right now I have only about a few months to live, according to medical experts. I have not particularly lived my life so well, as I never really cared for anything but my business. Though I am very rich, But now I regret all this as I now know that there is more to life than just wanting to have or make all the money in the world.

I want God to be merciful to me and accept my soul so, I have decided to give alms to charity organizations and those in need, as I want this to be one of the last good deeds I do on earth. So far, now that my health has deteriorated so badly, I cannot do this myself anymore. The last of my money which only my Attorney knows of is the huge cash deposit of Five Million United States Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) that I have with an Asset Management / Vaulting Company Abroad. I will want you to help me collect this deposit. I am willing to donate this 5 million U.S. dollars to you for the less privilege and for practical Christian service and concern.

And upon my instruction, my attorney, who presently is in Accra Ghana distributing relief materials to victims and an application for the Transfer of the money in your name. Lastly, I honestly pray that this money when it gets to your hand will be used for the said purpose. So if you know that you will use this fund honestly for things that will glorify God's name and purpose of God's work, then do urgently contact me back and the details will be given to you on how you will be able to receive the fund.

Anyone with a computer and an e-mail address has likely received at least one such plaintive message lately — if not a whole slew of them. At The Baptist Record, the count for just this year is several hundred such messages.

The names and reply addresses may be different, but the point is always the same: The writer is a rich but dying new Christian, always overseas, seeking to give away his fortune to someone who will use it properly to ensure his entrance into heaven. All that need be done is to contact the writer for instructions on how to transfer the money. If the recipient does reply, he/she is usually told to withdraw a substantial sum of

money from their own bank account and send it to the writer, so that the writer's money can be freed up. Then, according to the writer, all of the recipient's money plus the newfound fortune will be sent back to the recipient.

It all sounds too good to be true, and it is. These are Internet scams of the highest order.

"The scheme relies on convincing a willing victim, who has demonstrated a 'propensity for larceny' by responding to the invitation, to send money to the author of the letter in Nigeria in several installments of increasing amounts for a variety of reasons," reports the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), referring to a particular scam that originates in the African nation of Nigeria.

"Payment of taxes, bribes to government officials, and legal fees are often described in great detail with the promise that all expenses will be reimbursed as soon as the funds are spirited out of Nigeria. In actuality, the millions of dollars do not exist and the victim eventually ends up with nothing but loss," the FBI states.

"Once the victim stops sending money, the perpetrators have been known to use the personal information and checks that they received to impersonate the victim, draining bank accounts and credit card balances until the victim's assets are taken in their entirety. While such an invitation impresses most law-abiding citizens as a laughable hoax, millions of dollars in losses are caused by these schemes annually," the FBI warns.

There are many variations on this Internet scam, some involving the expressed desire to plant new churches, donate large sums to a seminary, or provide Bibles to people groups who have none. It's hard to believe folks fall for such a pitch but, according to the FBI, it happens often.

It's particularly egregious when Southern Baptists fall prey to such artifice, because we already have the best system in the Protestant world to fund such mission endeavors. We don't need to respond to scams foisted on us in the Name of the Lord to accomplish our duty under the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Southern Baptists have the Cooperative Program, the missions offerings, and many other ways to support the spreading of the Gospel that have been proven effective and cost-efficient. If there are any doubts about whether a program is worthy of our involvement — spiritually as well as financially — we must be willing to do the research and ask the hard questions to be sure the cause is legitimate.

Don't waste your money. Don't waste the Lord's money. Don't respond to these scams. Do the right thing.

GUEST OPINION:

An in-depth view of the Westboro case

By Kevin Theriot
Alliance Defense Fund



tion of its tax exemption because it teaches biblical truth about homosexual behavior.

Based on this foreign trend, and attempts by courts to normalize homosexual behavior here at home, I've even warned that it's just a matter of time before similar limits on speech are customary in the U.S.

I was wrong. In the Westboro case, the Supreme Court held that even speech that may fairly be characterized as "hate speech" is protected by the First Amendment. It said, "Given that Westboro's speech was at a public place on a matter of public concern, that speech is entitled to 'special protection' under the First Amendment. Such speech cannot be restricted simply because it is upsetting or arouses contempt. Indeed, the point of all speech protection... is to shield just those choices of

content that in someone's eyes are misguided, or even hurtful."

In one fell blow, the Supreme Court dashed any hopes of the liberal establishment, and calmed any fears of folks like me, that European style censorship of speech criticizing homosexual behavior will take place in the U.S. any time soon. If Westboro Church can stand outside a church and openly condemn people, a pastor inside a church can talk about God's willingness to forgive those caught up in this sin.

If Westboro Church Pastor Fred Phelps's hate-filled view of the Bible's teachings on homosexual behavior is protected speech on the street corner, a ministry is free to proclaim God's forgiveness and loving admonition to go and sin no more, whether that be in the media, over the airwaves or on the Internet.

As much as I disagree with the folks at Westboro — God doesn't hate anyone, but "wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth" — their victory at the Supreme Court was good for speech and good for religious freedom. The Supreme Court got it right in Snyder v. Phelps. The answer to hate speech is not censorship; it's more speech.

Of course, this setback won't stop advocates of political correctness. Virtually everywhere that hate crimes laws have been enacted, hate speech regulations follow. This is not surprising, considering the fact that hate crimes laws are enacted solely to send a governmental message of disapproval of certain beliefs. Hate speech regulations have followed the enactment of hate crimes laws in places like Canada, Europe and Australia.

The Snyder case is an important victory for religious speech, but we cannot let our guard down, because the assault on the teaching of biblical morality will continue.

Theriot is senior litigation counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund. This column first appeared at the blog of SpeakUpMovement.org/ church, an ADF resource for churches, and appears here courtesy of Baptist Press.

Churches must comply with new crib rules

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — In order to comply with new safety regulations taking effect in June, churches need to replace their nursery cribs, which could already pose a danger to children and leave churches open to liability lawsuits.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) unanimously approved sweeping new safety rules, which outlaw drop-side cribs and require stronger hardware and supports. The commission said it is unlikely that existing cribs will meet the new standards.

Jim Swedenburg of the Alabama State Board of Missions served more than 10 years as a state missionary for church administration and said churches that have weekday ministries or daycares especially need to heed the new safety standards.

"If a parent had a child that was injured and the daycare was in that sense negligent in not having changed that bed, that's going to put them at greater risk for any kind of liability judgment," Swedenburg told Baptist Press.

"In other words, nobody's going to come around and inspect the cribs and force the church to comply, but if they don't they're still going to be taking a risk."

For years, parents favored

drop-side cribs because they could lower the rails on one side to more easily lift their children from the cribs. Since 2000, drop-side cribs have been blamed in the deaths of 32 infants and toddlers and suspected in another 14 fatalities.

In the past five years, more than nine million drop-side cribs have been recalled and Congress has pushed for stronger crib safety rules.

At issue is malfunctioning hardware, including cheaper plastics or assembly problems that can lead to the drop-side rail partially detaching from the crib. A dangerous "V"-like gap between the mattress and side rail can trap a baby, causing it to suffocate or strangle.

Also, as children grow, they can apply more force to the crib by shaking it, running around in it, or jumping up and down, the Associated Press said. To address this, the new safety standards affect far more than the drop side of the crib.

"A crib's mattress support, slats, and hardware are now required to be more durable and manufacturers will have to test to new more stringent requirements to prove compliance," the commission said.

Beginning June 28, all cribs manufactured and sold must comply with the new federal standards. Some manufacturers,

such as Church Interiors, which supplies cribs purchased through LifeWay Christian Stores, already are selling cribs that comply with the new standards.

"The manufacturers were working closely with the board that was making the changes, so they knew the changes were coming. They just weren't sure when," Stacie Reeves, a sales representative with Church Interiors, told BP, "so we were able to in January introduce the new line and all the cribs that are coming out now are compliant."

Child care centers and places of public accommodation — which include churches — must use only compliant cribs that meet the new standards by Dec. 28, 2012, the commission said. Until the cribs are replaced, owners are encouraged to check the cribs frequently to make sure that all hardware is secured tightly and that there are no loose, missing or broken parts.

"A consumer should not resell, donate, or give away a crib that does not meet the new crib standards, such as trying to resell the product through an online auction site or donating to a local thrift store," the commission said. "CPSC recommends disassembling the crib before discarding it."

Consumers can check the safety commission's website at cpsc.gov for companies that have recalled their cribs and are providing immobilizers to secure the drop-side on cribs — but a drop-side crib, even with an immobilizer installed, will not meet the new standards.

If a crib was purchased recently, the owner can ask the retailer or manufacturer whether the crib complies with 16 CFR 1219, the new federal standard for full-size cribs, or with 16 CFR 1220, the new federal standard for non-full-size cribs.

Swedenburg said churches should comply with the law, and beyond the safety and litigation risks, non-compliant churches could send a negative message to parents who may be visiting for the first time.

"For guests to come to our churches looking for a place to attend, if the patterns of the

past hold true, a lot of those people are going to be young adults with preschoolers," he said. "If they come into a preschool facility and they see a drop-side crib, they're going to say, 'These folks are not taking care of my kids.'"

"They may be wrong about that assumption, but any time churches fail to do something that even the parents are aware of, they're going to think the church is not safe, so churches really need to take care of this. It's the kind of thing that these young parents probably would not call to the attention of the church. They would just not come back."

Gaelen Cole, a property and casualty program manager with GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, said standard insurance policies will have coverage for the liability coming from defective products.

"As long as the church has made reasonable efforts to remove known defective cribs, there should be little problem with the church bearing the brunt of the negligence," Cole said. "However, if the church has not done so, there can be negligence attaching to the church for failure to follow up on known, well-publicized product recalls."

"Even in that case the church's insurer should defend it, but then the limits of liability carried by the church could come into question. Standard General Liability policies have a one million dollar per-claim limit."

"If that limit is exhausted — which could easily happen with a serious claim, especially if life-long disabilities are involved — the church would be protected by also having an 'umbrella' or 'excess liability' policy with additional limits of coverage. These policies can have limits from an additional one million dollars to five (million dollars) or even \$10 million for premiums that may cost up to a few thousand dollars, depending on the specific insurer and church."

Swedenburg said churches need to have a plan in place to convert to compliant cribs by the end of 2012.

Looking back

10 years ago

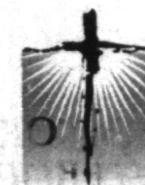
Over 140 students from across Mississippi attend the Baptist Student Union Summer Missions orientation Apr. 5-6 at Gulfshore Assembly in Pass Christian.

20 years ago

Calling the world's largest Protestant denomination — and the nation in which most of its members reside — to prayer for spiritual awakening will highlight the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at the Georgia World Congress Center June 4-6.

50 years ago

John W. Landrum, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and VP of the Home Mission Board, states that the name of the Southern Baptist Convention does not need to be changed. "The action would greatly debilitate the God-glorifying work of those called Southern Baptists," he stated.



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YOU CAN RESPOND
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Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)

4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

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Clue: I = G

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: John Three Eight: Twenty-Six

THE MORNING MEETING

At the 90-plus Prayer Rallies that we had across the state, I always encouraged the folks who had gathered to make prayer more than a habit, to make it a spiritual discipline in their life to begin their day with God. So many things will grab your attention as you start your day and those things will divert you from an encounter with the Lord. It could be a phone call, the distraction of a radio or television, the kids, other folks who are in the house, or maybe it is just the burden of the day that you are facing.

While many, any, or all of those things are very important, they are not near as important as the moments with the Heavenly Father. An encounter with Him can change how you feel about, how you relate to, and how you deal with everything else you are going to face in the day. Jesus began His day with the Father, as recorded in Mark 1:35. Clearly if it was important for Him, it is important for us.

At some of the prayer gatherings, but not all of them, I quoted a wonderful old poem by Ralph Cushman entitled, "I Met God in the Morning." So many people came up to me and asked me for a copy of the poem and I did not have one with me. They asked if I would put it in Directions one week. So for the many of you who asked, here it is. For those of you who did not ask, it is still worth reading. For all of us, whether we asked or not, it is worth practicing.

I Met God in the Morning

I met God in the morning
When my day was
at its best,
And His Presence came like
sunrise
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the
Presence lingered,

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Prayer Points

All day long He stayed
with me,
And we sailed in perfect
calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown
and battered,
Other ships were sore
distressed,
But the winds that seemed
to drive them
Brought to me a peace
and rest.

Then I thought of other
mornings,
With a keen remorse
of mind,

When I, too, had loosed
the moorings
With the Presence
left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a
troubled way:
You must seek Him
in the morning
If you want Him
through the day!

Ralph Cushman

Thousands across our state
have committed to beginning
their day with God. Day after
day, they are meeting in the

throne room of the Father. While many are committed to Covering Mississippi in Prayer, it is also a glorious morning event that covers your day in prayer. As you meet with God and pray as He instructed us in His Model Prayer, Lead us, you can then move forward watching for Him to do that very thing. He will lead you, and as you make decisions, He will be there. As you face challenges, you can count on Him. As you come to insurmountable problems or wrestle with uncertain outcomes, He will not forsake you. As you meet with Him in the morning, you can watch for Him to be actively involved in your life all day long.

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1. **The Woman's Missionary Union** auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham is sponsoring a 13-day tour of Thailand and Cambodia featuring visits to sites of the auxiliary's WorldCrafts ministry. Dates of the tour are Oct. 24-Nov. 5. The all-inclusive cost is \$4,469 per person. For more information, contact Russell Cherry at Dehoney Travel (800) 325-6708. E-mail:

russell@dehoneytravel.com.

2. **Galilee Church, Rockport,** will host its third annual Crawfish Boil on April 16, beginning at 10 a.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausage will also be served.

3. **First Church, Runnelstown,** will host The Inspirations in concert at 7 p.m. on April 30. A love offering will be received.

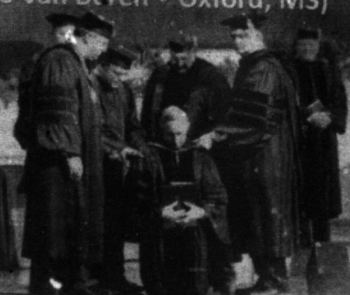
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Matthew 10:27 NAS

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Time at each location: 9:00 a.m. - noon.

July 9, 2011
FBC, Cleveland
Cleveland, Miss.

July 23, 2011
FBC, Senatobia
Senatobia, Miss.

August 6, 2011
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McComb, Miss.

August 13, 2011
Country Woods
Byram, Miss.

August 27, 2011
FBC, Kosciusko
Kosciusko, Miss.

September 17, 2011
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Picayune, Miss.

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for Preschool - Adult:

"Telling the Story
of Jesus Through
Sunday School"

"The Transformational
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"Principles to Tell the
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"How to Grow a
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"Refreshing Childlike Faith"



Preschool & Children's Minister Retreat
May 2-3, 2011
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A Retreat for Professional
Preschool and Children's Ministers in Mississippi

Highlights:

- Program Guest: Tommy Sanders, Childhood Ministries, Dallas Baptist University
- Guided Prayer Experience
- Round Robin Table Discussions

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MISSISSIPPI BSU SUMMER AND SEMESTER MISSIONARIES

Legacy Renewal Revival



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May 12-13, 2011

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Service times:

Thursday, May 12, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.;
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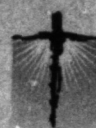
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Week I - June 20-22, 2011

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For registration information, please contact
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May 6-7, 2011

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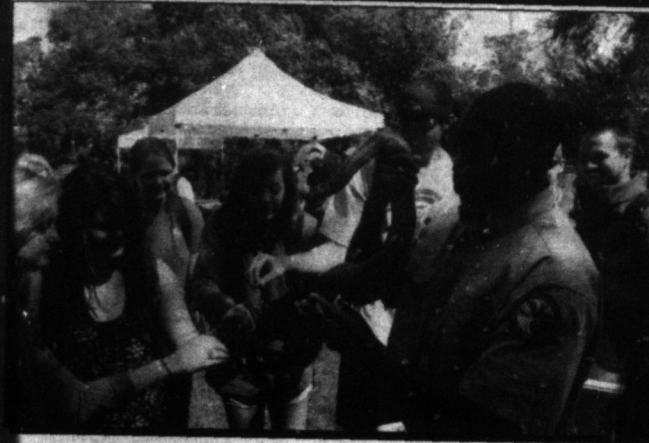
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HOUSE TOPS

COLLEGE NEWS



1. Wildlife Conservation Day at Mississippi College.



2. Jesus and the Children sculpture at Mississippi College



3. Burnham

Mississippi College students gather around a snake and his unidentified handler during Wildlife Conservation Day on the Clinton campus. Staffers from the Mississippi Museum of Natural History in Jackson hosted the presentation to promote conservation of Mississippi's wild-life resources.



4. Private School/Home School Music Festival at WCU



5. Harbor elected BMC student body president

Mississippi College has dedicated a sculpture named Jesus and the Children on the Quad near the School of Education. The five-foot-tall, 1,200-pound bronze sculpture is a recasting of a work by Sam Gore, a 1951 graduate and retired chairman of the school's art department.

Mississippi College Spring Commencement on May 7 will be keynoted by Tom Burnham, MC

graduate and Mississippi Superintendent of Education. He will address graduates at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Winters School of Music at William Carey University hosted a Private School/Home School Music Festival on April 6 in the Thomas

Fine Arts Building. Pictured is Sarah Burkett Dale, music director of Parklane Academy in McComb, leading the Parklane choir.

Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain recently elected Andrew Harbor (right) of Corinth to serve as the school's first-ever

male athlete president of the Student Body Association. With Harbor at his installation were his father, Dyer Harbor (left), associate pastor of Oakland Church, and BMC president Dr. Bettye Rogers Coward. Andrew Harbor is a three-year basketball letterman.

William Carey University will present the Winters School of Music Spring Concert on April 14 at 7 p.m. in Smith Auditorium on the Hattiesburg campus. Scheduled to perform are the handbell ensemble, piano ensemble, instrumental ensemble, Chapel Choir, and Carey Chorale. Admission is free.

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REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. Crowder Church, Crowder: 37th Homecoming, April 17th; 10:30 a.m.; Charles Stubblefield, speaker; Joe Meurrier, music.

2. Wesson Church, Wesson: 150th Anniversary, May 1: 10:30 a.m. worship service, Mike Carr, speaker; noon meal; 1:30 p.m. Music and Memories service, David Myers, speaker.

3. Silver Creek Church, Pike Assoc.: 197th Anniversary/May Day/Home-

coming, May 1: singing, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; David Millican, speaker; dinner on the grounds; featured singers include Stubborn Love and Arise and Sing.

4. Tremont First Church, Tremont: Revival, May 9-11: Sun., 6:30 p.m.; Mon-Wed., 7 p.m.; Wed. evening is youth night with pizza at 6 p.m.; Jimmy Russell, speaker; Andy Russell, music; Matthew Russell, pastor.

EASTER SERVICES

Mt. Olive Church, Baldwin, will present the drama, The Borrowed Tomb, by David T. Clydesdale and Steven Moore at 6:30 p.m. on April 23 and April 24. David Haynes, pastor. Kenneth Leslie, minister of music.

STAFF CHANGES



Benji Pyeatt and family

Robinson Church, Liberty recently welcomed their new pastor, Benji Pyeatt (second from left) and his family (from left) Grayson, Gracie, and Ellen. Benji Pyeatt was ordained March 6 at Gum Grove Church, Brookhaven.

THE VILLAGE VIEW



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GIFTS OF HONOR AND MEMORY

A portion of The Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

JANUARY 2011

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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

Receive Comfort—Give Comfort

II Corinthians 1:1-11

By Bobby McKay

One of the greatest theological minds in Mississippi Baptist life was John Claypool. A former pastor that served in Jackson, Claypool was an exceptional communicator of the spoken and written word. He was well known for his ability to comfort the bereaved and encourage those who were disheartened. Among his many educational achievements, honors, and writings, Claypool may be best known in relation to the tragedy he faced as a father. He had been accustomed to serving congregations and meeting the needs in their lives when a great sadness entered into his own. Heartache would come in the form of leukemia. The terrible disease would take the life of his only daughter.

The little girl named Laura, only 10 years old when she passed away, left a permanent impression on the ministry and teachings of Dr. Claypool. In the months following her death, the influence of her death was heard and felt in the messages he shared. Allow me to share with you some of his words, "We do not first get all the answers and then live in the light of our understanding. We must rather plunge into life meeting what we have to meet and experiencing what we have to experience and in the light of living try to understand. If insight comes at all, it will not before, but only through and after experience."

There are a lot of treasures in those words. While we most often wish to glean



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understanding in regards to a difficulty beforehand, this is not usually possible. Besides the workings of the Holy Spirit, I am convinced the greatest source of comfort comes from fellow Christians who can both sympathize and empathize with one another. The greatest way a church can help a person navigate through the storms of life is to be transparent about their own struggles. This may sound harsh, but we are better friends and church members having gone through tough times. These times enable us to share comfort as someone that can relate to their hardship and not in a careless way. In our study this week, Paul prompts the reader to be quick to lend support and reassurance to those within our church family and beyond that need a comforting word. The challenge we each face is to be ready at all

times to minister to others in the same spirit that we would hope to be recipients of.

Provided Path

What may look like a standard greeting in the opening verses of II Corinthians; reveal something that is not seen in many of Paul's writings. The word comfort jumps off the page in repeated fashion in verse four. He is quick to thank God for the mercies of His comfort, but he does not stop there. He goes on to add that the reason God comforts us, is that we might, "comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort which we ourselves are comforted by." Never forget that God provides the greatest comfort possible. Upon receiving that comfort, we should be eager to bless others in the same way we have been blessed. God comforts us not to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters. If your church is lacking in expressing help to others, it is because some are not choos-

ing to be a blessing to those around them or even more tragic, not freely loving everyone as Christ would. Either way, this display of pride has no place in the church and can be fatal to your witness.

Prayer Partners

Paul discloses to the audience some of the great burdens that he and Timothy had endured. He was also quick to share a testimony in verse 10 about God's deliverance. God was the hope that Paul trusted in all seasons. While obviously no one can compare to the goodness of God, Paul makes important mention of prayer partners in verse 11. The prayers of many spurred the ministry of Paul. Stop and reflect on the comfort that God has given us. Why not lift up your friends, family, coworkers, and church in prayer and be a vessel for comfort in their life? We need the prayers and the practice!

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EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Knowing the Truth

Colossians 1:1-20, Focus Colossians 1:3-20

By Cyndi Grace

From 1956-1968, my family regularly watched a TV game show called, "To Tell the Truth." Many of you might remember it but for those who don't, let me give you a brief overview. Three contestants were introduced all by the same name and storyline. A panel of 4 judges questioned them (Kitty Carlise was my favorite) while the contestants attempted to convince the panelists that they were indeed the "real" person. The panelists then cast their votes and for every incorrect vote the contestants were awarded \$100.00. We then heard the show's famous words, "Will the real please stand up!" The actual person would stand and the impostors would reveal their real names and occupations. The goal was for the impostors to trick as many as

possible to get their reward. While this was a fun show to watch years ago, people today are searching for spiritual truth and voting incorrectly will incur serious eternal penalties. It is with this idea Paul began his book to the Colossians reminding them of Christ's truth and to stand firm in it.

Paul's message to the Colossian church was a crucial one. Many members had problems discerning truth and some had even begun to incorporate pagan elements into worship, including the worship of elemental spirits. (Water, Fire, Earth, Air) Paul's letter was a declaration of Christ's supremacy over the entire created universe and an exhortation for Christians to lead godly lives. Paul began by reminding them that Christ's truth had brought them hope! "You have



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already heard about this hope in the message of truth." (vs 5 HCSB) Yes, they had heard, accepted, and followed, yet they still were allowing the world's philosophy to be incorporated into their worship. I wish that this message was limited to those in Colosse but sadly we are guilty of allowing many of these same beliefs in our lives today. We glibly say the words "Mother Earth" and "Earth Day" believing they are terms interchangeable with conservation of our resources, but a further look into these seemingly innocent terms reveals a pantheistic view of the creation. ("worship of nature") The prince of this world, satan, will attempt to draw our worship away from Christ's truth any way he can. His lies are beautifully packaged and our only defense is to know absolute truth and to be able to recognize the difference.

Paul's weapon against falsehood was to simply remember

the truth of who Christ is—Lord over ALL. He prayed fervently that the Colossians would be filled with Christ's truth and to be able to firmly follow and proclaim it in their lives. He reminded them in verse 13 that they had been rescued from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Son imploring them to not turn back!

It is often harder than we care to admit to remain strong in the truth. Paul lovingly showed this church that in order to do this they had to consistently remember and repeat the truth. Verses 15-20 are some of the most important words in the New Testament for they show the absolute centrality of Christ in the world. Paul points out:

- He is CREATOR of EVERYTHING,
- ALL things are created FOR Him,
- He has ALWAYS been,
- He holds things together
- He is HEAD of the church
- He is the REDEEMER, through His blood, of all the things Satan stole!

He is in control of everything and believing that gives us hope! That might sound very elementary, but in light of today's world, perhaps a regular review of these truths would be beneficial.

When Jesus stood before Pilate, Pilate asked, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) Today's world (though stating there is no absolute truth) is still searching for it. Believers who know the truth of the Gospel must share it, both by words and by deeds. Maybe you are a little short on hope right now. May I suggest reading in addition to our text, Isaiah 40:21-31? The fact is, God is supreme and is in control. The enemy tries to fool us, but when we know and state the truth he has no power.

Are you secure in your knowledge of the truth? It comes by studying His word and spending time in His presence. Make a commitment today to know the truth and nothing but the truth for it is our hope and our strength!

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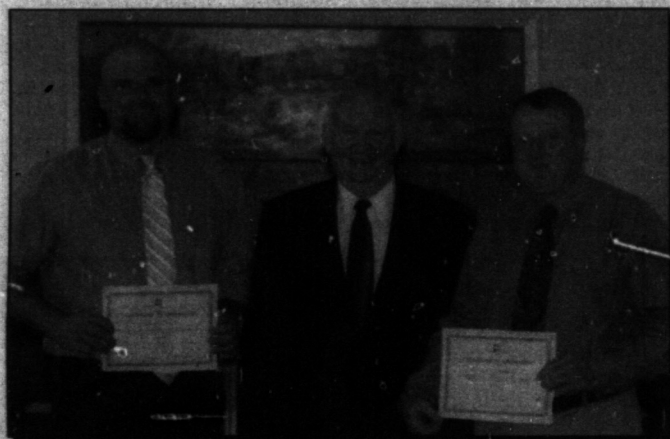
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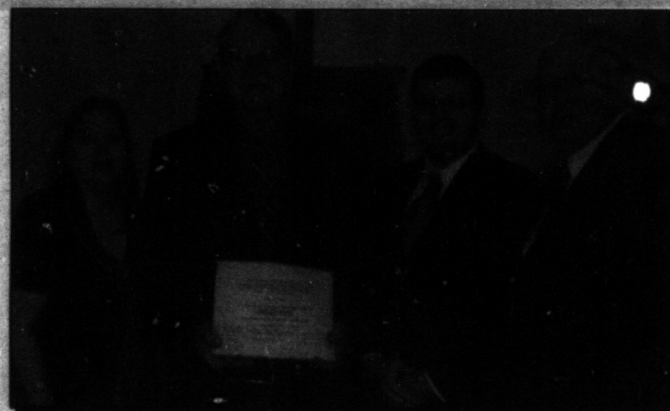
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1. Carroll Montgomery Association recognizes Frank Lay



2. Aldison, Workman ordinations at Hollywood Church, Sledge



3. Ashley ordination at Fellowship Church, Taylorsville



4. Sisney ordination at Parkway Church, Kosciusko

1. Carroll Montgomery Association recently hosted a celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Frank Lay, the association's director of missions. Pictured are (from left) Margaret Lay; Frank Lay; Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Gordon Sansing, transitional pastor at First Church, Winona.

2. Hollywood Church, Sledge, recently ordained Mac Aldison (left) and Bob Workman (right) as deacons. Pictured with them is Pastor Roy Hartzell.

3. Fellowship Church, Taylorsville, ordained David Ashley (second from left) as deacon on March 27. Pictured with Ashley are (from left) Patricia Ashley, Pastor Stevie Hand, and Scott Walters, Smith Association missions director.

4. Parkway Church, Kosciusko, ordained Tim Sisney (second from left) as deacon on March 27. Pictured with Sisney are (from left) Richard Scott, deacon chairman; Tammie Sisney; Josh Sisney; and Joseph Sisney.

5. Providence Church, Grenada Association, held baby dedication on March 20. Pictured are (from left) Tommy and Japhia Williams with Lilly Beth; Deana Kerr with Noah; and Sassy and Michael Avant with Payton.

6. First Church, Richton, Women on Mission recently completed 42 hand-made pink pillows that were given to breast cancer survivors.

7-8. Old Union Church, Shannon, recently ordained three men to the Gospel ministry. Pictured in photo 7 are (from left) David Smith, Pastor Billy Langley, and Mark Taylor. Pictured photo 8 are (from left) Jared Roberts and Associate Pastor Jeff Short.



5. Baby dedication at Providence Church, Grenada Association



6. Women on Mission of First Church, Richton



7. Ordinations at Old Union Church, Shannon



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